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Robert Wastlhuber et al.) Group Art Unit: 2661
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Serial No.: 09/884,553) Examiner: unassigned
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR)
 SERIAL DATA TRANSMISSION)
 BETWEEN A POSITION)
 MEASURING SYSTEM AND)
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following references for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of all of the references are enclosed along with a

completed copy of Form PTO-1449.

I. DISCLOSURE

A. U.S. Patents

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
5,371,859	Lennartsson	12/06/94

B. Literature

1. Kennel, Ralph et al., "Datenkommunikation über das Bussystem „SERCOS interface“ – Auswirkungen auf Antriebsregelungen in Werkzeugmaschinen," Automatisierungstechnische Praxis – ATP, Oldenbourg Verlag, Munchen, Germany, Vol. 33, No. 7, July 1, 1991, pp. 363-368.

II. DISCUSSION

A. U.S. Patent No. 5,371,859

The '859 patent was cited as an A-type reference in a Search Report for a corresponding European Patent Application. An A-type reference regards a document that defines the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance.

B. Kennel et al. Article

Based solely on the drawings and the English-language Abstract printed with the article, the Kennel et al. article is pertinent because it appears to disclose a new SERCOS interface that allows numerical controls and intelligent drives to start a high performance data exchange with each other.

The Kennel et al. article was cited as an A-type reference in a Search Report for a corresponding European Patent Application.

III. CONCLUSION

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. However, Applicants wish to make it clear that the disclosure of the above references is in no way an admission that they qualify as prior art. It is Applicants' desire, however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference and make the above-listed references of record.

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B1	5,371,859	12/06/94	Lennartsson		

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B2	Kennel, Ralph et al., "Datenkommunikation über das Bussystem,, SERCOS interface"— Auswirkungen auf Antriebsregelungen in Werkzeugmaschinen," Automatisierungstechnische Praxis – ATP, Oldenbourg Verlag, München, Germany, Vol. 33, No. 7, July 1, 1991, pp.363-368.	

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